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Kai Thompson
Task Order Contracting Officer Representative
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CCTE
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20460

Re: Monthly Progress Report, Variability and Relevance of Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests and Expectations for New Approach Methods (NAMs) for use in Human Health Risk Assessment, Contract #68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0178

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of December 2021.

Since project inception, the work accomplished has included preparation and distribution of the call for nominations for the project committee; screening of individual nominations; preparation of a committee nomination slate for National Academies approval; web posting of the approved provisional committee roster for a 20-day public comment period; planning and conduct of the first workshop; and organization and conduct of other open data-gathering sessions as well as closed meetings of the committee. No QA/QC activities or corrective actions have been undertaken.

During the reporting period, the National Academies conducted the first workshop of the committee on December 9, 2021. In preparation for this data-gathering session of the committee, National Academies staff finalized logistical arrangements, including for the expert participants. National Academies staff arranged and conducted preparatory sessions with non-federal and federal subject matter expert participants and the committee to organize discussion of a range of research and views. Background materials, including biosketches and presentation materials, were gathered from speakers and panelists. National Academies staff also finalized the arrangements for the webcast and maintained the [workshop website](#) for public registration and for dissemination of meeting materials (including the workshop agenda, pre-recorded videos, participant and committee biographical information, and National Academies staff contact information). National Academies staff also provided logistical information to registrants and arranged, if requested during registration, for participants to provide comments to the committee during the public comment session of the workshop.

Following the workshop, National Academies staff provided EPA with a final list of all workshop attendees and public commenters. In all, hundreds of participants joined the workshop virtually from within the United States and from 20 other countries across 6 continents. A video recording of the workshop was made available via the workshop website and a transcript was made available to EPA and the committee. A closed session committee meeting was convened on December 13, 2021, to share reflections on the data-gathering session. During this meeting, the committee also discussed the organization of the consensus report, the literature review, and plans for future meetings during 2022, with the support of project staff.

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During the forthcoming period, National Academies staff anticipate conducting a closed session of the committee to advance development of the report outline, the literature review, and the second workshop. National Academies staff also anticipate soliciting background material and committee availability for forthcoming open and closed sessions of the committee as a whole and in subgroups.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures are provided below.

Financial information for December 2021:

Labor Cost	\$	Ex. 4 CBI
ODCs	\$	
Overhead	\$	
G&A	\$	
Total Dec 2021	<u>\$ 38,900.39</u>	

The total expenditures since inception are \$ 216,440.86. The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by National Academies staff.

Sincerely,

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EPA Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests
Sponsor Award # 68HERC19D0011/68HERC21F0178
Progress Report, December 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021
Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

Ex. 4 CBI

990.26

Dollars (thousands)

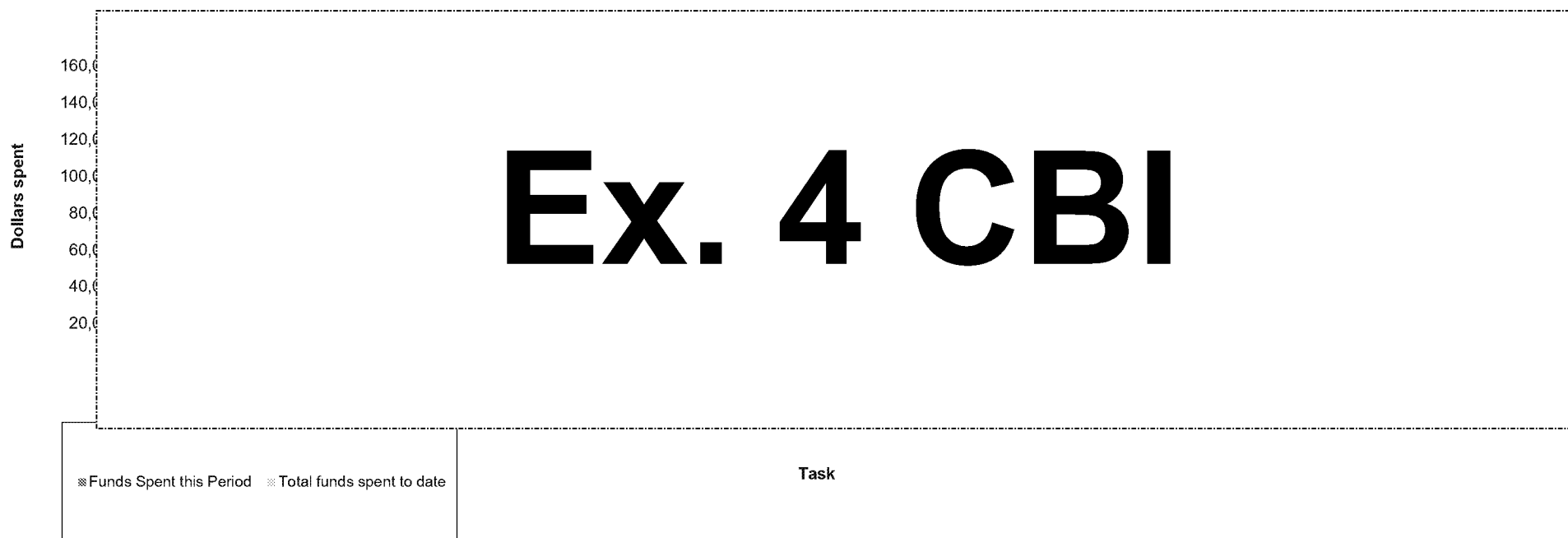
Cumulative total cost
Cumulative labor cost
Budget

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December 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021
Comparison of Total Funds Spent and Labor Cost

Ex. 4 CBI

Monthly

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Cumulative Funds Spent by Task (Excluding Labor)



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Progress Report, December 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021
Cumulative Hours Worked by Staff

■ Hours worked this month
□ Hours worked to date

